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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ikuo MURATA

Serial No.: New (PCT/JP2004/014195)

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A

ROTARY MEMBER OF A TORQUE

CONVERTER AND A ROTARY

MEMBER OF A TORQUE CONVERTER: MANUFACTURED BY THE METHOD:

(AS AMENDED)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Title begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page three (3) of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page seven (7) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page eight (8) of this paper. Claims 1-14 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page twelve (12) of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page thirteen (13) of this paper.